

**FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
June 27, 2019**

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Thursday, June 27, 2019 at the Department of Fire Services, Boards and Commissions Room, Stow, Massachusetts.

**Present** at the meeting were the following Commission members:

Chief Gregory J. Burns  
Captain Michael McCullough  
Chief John Nash  
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick  
Undersecretary Jeanne Benincasa-Thorpe

**Absent** from the meeting were the following Commission members:

FF Richard D. MacKinnon, Jr.  
Chief Alan J. Roy

**DFS staff present** at the meeting:

State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey  
Deputy State Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier  
General Counsel Steven Rourke  
JoAnne Caruso

There were no guests present at the meeting.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Chief Greg Burns at 1:12 pm.

**AGENDA**

**A. Approval of Minutes of the May 16, 2019 Meeting**

A motion was made by Chief Nash and seconded by Chief Burns that the minutes of May 16, 2019, meeting be approved as written.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**B. Credentialing/Re-Credentialing Process**

A motion was made by Chief Burns and seconded by Captain McCullough to award accreditation to the following:

1. Credentialing –
  - Captain David Kean – Norwell Fire Department
  - Captain Andrew W. Fraser – Longmeadow Fire Department
  - Captain Jamie Desautels – Northborough Fire Department
  - Lieutenant Daniel D. Sawicki – Tewksbury Fire Department
  - Lieutenant Travis McDonald – Dudley Fire Department

A motion was made by Chief Nash and seconded by Captain McCullough to award accreditation to the following:

2. Re-Credentialing –

- Assistant Chief Timothy E. Choate – Sudbury Fire Department
- Chief Gregory Burns – Reading Fire Department
- Deputy Chief David Evans – West Newbury Fire Department
- District Chief David G. Charest – Attleboro Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

### **C. Service and Military Pin Guidance Discussion**

The updated guidelines were reviewed by the Commission. Chief Nash recommended a couple updates and Captain McCullough explained that this document is meant to be for guidance only.

A motion was made by Chief Nash and seconded by Undersecretary Benincasa-Thorpe publish the amended guidance.

### **D. General Issues and Updates from DFS**

Marshal Ostroskey spoke to the Commission about ongoing DFS projects such as the Springfield Campus' search and rescue prop and the increase in student capacity in Springfield from 24 to 32 recruits.

The career recruit waitlist remains significant but the hope is to lessen once the Bridgewater campus is online.

DFS is working with DCAMM (Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance) and EOPSS (Executive Office of Safety and Security) to conduct a site study for the Bridgewater campus. The Land Use Agreement with DOC (Department of Corrections) has been renewed.

Some changes for DFS personnel; Jim DiRico retired and the former Deputy, Fred Corazzini, has stepped up as Director of Capital Asset Management. The new Deputy is Peter Shipman who the Facilities Manager of the Springfield campus.

Chief Nash has provided the Commission with a, "Notice of Intent" to retire effective October 18, 2019.

### **E. Determination of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment**

The date of the next meeting of the Fire Service Commission is tentatively scheduled on September 19th at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Fire Services, Boards and Commissions Room.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Burns and seconded by Captain McCullough.

Said motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The meeting of the Fire Service Commission concluded at 1:55 p.m.